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Women's Missionary Soc
May 8, 1884

Oct. 1886
1st Congl Church

"The whole ec
lled with
the glory & joy of Jesus



Constitution

Art. I

This society shall be called
"The Woman's Missionary Society," auxiliary
to the Woman's Boards of Missions.

Art. II

The officers of this society shall be
a President, Vice President, Secretary and
Treasurer, chosen annually.

Art. III

The object of the society shall be the
collection of money for Missionary
purposes, Home and Foreign, and the
cultivation of a missionary spirit
among its members.

Art. IV

All money raised by this society for
Foreign Missions shall be sent to the
Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions
for the purposes of their organization, and

Added Nov-11-1884

all money raised for Home Missions shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union for the purpose of their organization. All money raised by this Society shall be Equally divided between Home & Foreign Fields.

Any lady may become a member of this Society by the payment of ten cents admission fee, and ten cents at each regular meeting of the society.

By-Laws.

Art. I

The officers of this society shall be elected at the regular meeting in May.

Art. II

The stated meetings of this society shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, the time to be fixed by the executive committee and shall be opened with reading of scripture or prayer followed by reading of minutes of last meeting and reports of Treasurer and committee.

Three shall constitute a quorum.

Art. III

The Vice President, Secretary, and three members to be chosen at the regular annual meeting shall constitute an executive com. to have general supervision of the work of this society.

Art. IV

A committee of three shall be chosen by

The society (of which the secretary shall be one) who shall arrange for a public Missionary meeting every second month alternating between the Home and Foreign work.

Art V

last

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Notice of the proposed change having been given at the preceding meeting.

Wed
Sun. Bridge, N.Y. May 8th 1884

The Ladies of the First Cong. Church of this place met at the call of their pastor Rev. H. B. Hudson in the prayer room of their church to organize a Ladies Missionary Society for Home and Foreign work. The company numbering eighteen was called to order by Mr. Hudson at a few minutes of eight P.M. and the meeting opened with singing and prayer after which Mr. Hudson stated the object of the gathering and suggested that a chairman be appointed and that the business of organizing be transacted. Mr. Hudson was appointed Chairman and Miss Hadhams Secretary pro tem. The first order of business was the election of officers, which was done by ballot and resulted in the following choice:

President, Mrs. H. B. Hudson
Vice President, Mrs. K. Glover
Secretary, Mrs. Jas. Low
Treasurer, Mrs. B. E. Coe

The second order of business was the considering and adoption of a Constitution; there being none offered, Mrs. Low suggested that the Constitution of one of the disbanded societies be read, as a guide to the wording of a new one, the Article was sent for, produced, read and most of it adopted (after a few changes in some of its articles). The By-Laws were next called for, and no form being offered, the Society appointed Miss C. L. Wadhams and Miss Mary Parmelee a committee to draft a set to present at the next meeting for consideration. The Society closed with singing, to meet again at half-past seven Thursday evening May 22nd 1884.

C. L. Wadhams, Sec. pro tem.

special meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society met pursuant to adjournment Thursday evening May 22nd. The President and Vice President both being absent the Secretary was called to the chair. Mr. Hudson opened the meeting by prayer. After which the committee on By-Laws presented their report. The By-Laws

were read and acted upon article by article and adopted as read with a few changes. Upon motion of Miss Wadhams the following executive committee was appointed. Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Parmelee, and Mrs. Colt. The committee on By-Laws were given farther time to make an additional report. The meeting then adjourned to meet the second Tuesday in June.

Mrs. Jas. Low, Secretary.
Tuesday afternoon June 10th 1884 the ^{2^d con} regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the Church parlor. The meeting was called to order by the President at 4 P. M. Reading of the Scripture and Prayer formed the opening service. The Secretary's report followed after which a brief time was spent in preliminary business. The committee on By-Laws presented two additional articles which were acted upon separately and adopted as read. The following committee were appointed to arrange for the public

meetings during the year. Mrs. Hudson, Miss Wadhams, and Mrs. Low. A paper was then read on Missionary work from Life and Light and Mrs. Hudson followed it by remarks on the importance and need of good missionary reading. Even children will be deeply interested in intelligence from foreign lands if they read it regularly. To be effective must be according to knowledge. Four subscribers were obtained for Life and Light. The meeting closed by singing.

Mrs. Jas. Low, Secretary -

The third regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the Church Parlor July 8th. The meeting was called to order by the President. Reading from Isaiah 54 and prayer led by Mrs. Moore formed the opening service. Short reports from the Secretary and Treasurer followed. Mrs. Hudson spoke of the necessity of having something to awaken a new and deeper interest in the work, and it was suggested

that literary exercises be prepared. Some of the members pledged themselves to do what they could in preparing an original paper or at least looking up some missionary news for the next meeting. The society then adjourned.

Mrs. Jas. Low, Sec.

The August meeting was not held.

Mrs. Jas. Low, Sec.

Report sent to the Woman's Missionary Union.
My Dear Mrs. Creagan

Sometime in February

last a circular and constitution of the Woman's Missionary Union was sent to our Church through the executive committee of the Antislavery Association. Mrs. G. B. asking that an auxiliary be formed if we had not one already. Subsequently we acted upon this suggestion and formed ^{a society} one in addition to our auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in which we have worked for some three years. We desire to be recognized as an auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Union. We organized May 8th with the following officers

President Mrs. H. B. Hudson

Vice Pres. Mrs. H. Glover

Treasurer Mrs. B. E. Coe

Secretary Mrs. Jas. Low

Our membership is 22. Our Treasurers report will be sent to the State Treasurer.

Yours respectfully

Mrs. Jas. Low, Sec.

Report sent to the Kansas Board of Missions.
My Dear Miss Taft,

I am glad to report that our auxiliary is still in the field and again pledges itself heartily to the mission work. I am disappointed in not being able to report a more decided gain in membership and revenue. But local difficulties over which we had no control somewhat hindered our work for a time, but the obstacles are now happily removed and we hope to do more effective service. Our distinctive society work certainly has not lessened, but on the contrary I think our Treasurers report will find an increase in funds, while as a church we have encouragingly

improved so that our missionary contributions thus far (over a hundred dollars) are double any previous year with two quarterly collections yet to be taken. We were delighted with Miss Proctors visit last winter and the organization of the Childrens Mission Circle is due to her visit here and very kind interest in the matter. He also secured Miss Clarkson of Japan for one of our public meetings and were both interested and benefited by her visit, and more than all we are strengthened and encouraged in the good work by Mr. Hudson our earnest and faithful Pastor. The future outlook is certainly full of promise for a larger and better service and with thankful hearts for the blessing we are constrained to say "Lord if we may, will serve another day." We have at present a membership of 22, and 6 copies of "Life and Light" are taken our officers are
President Mrs. H. B. Hudson
Vice Pres. Mrs. H. Glover
Treasurer Mrs. B. E. Coe
Secretary Mrs. Jas. Low
Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Jas. Low Sec.

The women's missionary Soc. held its regular meeting in the Church parlour Nov Mon at 4 P.M. Reading of the word by Mrs Hudson and prayer led by Mrs More formed the opening service.

Pursuant to a notice given at a previous meeting the following amendment was offered. That there be added to Art II of the by laws the following words. Three words will constitute a quorum also that Art IV of the constitution be amended to read as follows All money raised by this Soc. shall be equally divided between the Home and Foreign fields Both were unanimously adopted by vote of the meeting Mrs Hudson was delegated to make arrangements for a public meeting to be held the following Sunday. Present Mrs Coe Mrs More Miss Low and Mrs Low There being no business of importance the meeting adjourned soon after the

reading of the Sec. and Treas. reports

The Dec meeting was held at the usual time and place, Reading of the word by Mrs Hudson and prayer led by Mrs Watson followed. The minutes of the last meeting was called for and given. The Treasurer being absent no report of finance was ^{made} given.

After an informal discussion as to the best way and means of making the meetings a success a motion for adjournment was made and carried. In making a report of these meetings we often wish as the months and years are added to our existence as an organization so might we report an additional gain in membership attendance interest and zeal for the work. We are not discouraged and even hope to do more than we have ever done for in the year past we have been paying a good

foundation for future work and
been made to feel as never before
that the command of Christ - is as
imperative to day as when he told
his disciples to go into all the world
and preach the gospel to every creature
May we all labor to this end

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The Jan meeting of the Women
Missionary So. was held at the usual
time and place with the Pres. of
the So. in the chair Reading of the
Word by Mrs Hudson and prayer
led by Mrs Atwood formed the opening
service The reports of both the Sec
and Treasurer were read and approved
An interesting communication from
Miss Proctor was next presented and
read by the Secretary Unfinished
business was next laid before the meeting
Discussion here followed as to the reg-
ularity of rec. the church collection
every second month without the

preparing expressly for one It was
decided almost unanimously that
the So. was entitled to the such
collection We regret to report the res-
ignation of Mrs Hudson our earnest
and efficient Pres. whose removal
from the place makes it necessary
+ Be it recorded for her praise that
she has not missed a meeting
since the organization of the So.
Her utmost endeavor has always been
exerted for the interest of the Society
and her enthusiasm and zeal has
acted like leaven for some at least
who labored with her We shall miss
her both as friend and co laborer
The resignation of Mrs Glover as Vice
Pres. was also accepted Upon motion
of Mrs Low Mrs Atwood was chosen
to fill such vacancy The office of
President was left over until some
future time The following a motion for ad-
ournment. Present Mrs Hudson Mrs Atwood

Mrs More Mrs Kennard Miss Stanley
Miss Strickland Miss Goss Miss Wadham
Miss Low and Mrs Low.

The notice of the Feb meeting
of the women's missionary meeting
was given from the pulpit at the
proper time and convened the
following Tuesday the Vice Pres.
being absent the meeting was opened
by the Sec who read from Plalms
Mrs McConnell led in prayer

According to custom the minutes
of the last meeting was next read.
The Sec also read a Communion
for Miss Coffin of the home field.
The meeting then adjourned
Present Mrs McConnell Miss Low and
Mrs Low

Mrs James Low

March 10th 1885

The last regular meeting of the So. was held in
the prayer room March 10th at 4 P.M. The meeting
was opened by reading of the words followed by
prayer. The reports of Sec. and Treas. were next
presented and approved. The following business
was transacted Upon motion of Mrs Atwood
seconded by Mrs Low Mrs Bartholomew was
nominated President of the So. It was
unanimously carried in the affirmative.
The Committee on public meetings arranged
for one to be held April 5th. The following
members were present Mrs Colt Mrs Black
Mrs Johnson Mrs Watson Mrs Atwood Mrs Low
Mrs Glover Miss Goss Miss Stanley Miss Strickland
Mrs Kennard Mrs McConnell Miss Low. 3

With this April meeting our work
for the year will

The April meeting was held at the usual time and place with a good no present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after which followed a social hour. With this last meeting a complete twelvemonth is added to us as an organized society. We have steadily and quietly carried on our appointed work each successive meeting scarcely varying from the preceding one yet missing but one during the year. The old record tells us of the seventy who returned with joy to tell the Maker of the success that had attended their message so we like them gather at our annual meeting to tell each other the story of the year (and although our story may not be

altogether joyful yet we have accomplished something in this time. In glancing over the reports we find cause for both sorrow and joy. Sorrow because we find no more names on our roll than we did one year ago. ~~Gratitude~~ That we have all come back from a journey of a twelvemonth and are still engaged in this good work while we have lost one member by removal another happily fills the place so our number remains the same so while we do not claim a growth of membership we may claim one which manifests itself in a larger attendance and a more generous giving. Our two last meetings have been better attended than any ^{previous} during the ^{one of} year. The pledged dues of nearly every member has been regularly and cheerfully paid while our treasury points to indications of growth in the right direction. This encouraging retrospective view must we believe carry a quicker faith and a larger purpose into our future ^{work} growth and awaken in us a sense of what Christ's kingdom is to be and what even we may do to speed its triumph.
A B Low

1st-
The Annual meeting of the Momans Missionary
meeting was held May 12th 1885 at 4 P.M.
The President Mrs Bartholamew led the
devotional exercises bringing to us a message
from Psalm 79th. The report of the Treasurers
was full and ^{carefully} complete prepared and
showed the total receipts of the year to have
been \$1. The Secretary reported 11 meetings
held during the year Membership 23
with an average attendance of 7 while
the pledged dues of nearly every member
had been faithfully and cheerfully
paid and all things considered showed
a decided improvement in the interest
of mission work over any previous year.
The Officers chosen last year were ~~re-elected~~
by acclamation Mrs Bartholamew was
chosen on public meetings in place
of Mrs Colt who declined to serve.
Present Mrs Atwood Mrs Watson Mrs
Bartholamew Mrs Glover Mrs Cole Mrs Low

The June meeting of the Momans Mis.
So. was held at the usual time and place
with the Pres. Mrs Bartholamew in the chair.
After the usual opening exercises were
observed the routine business of the So.
was transacted after which followed
an informal and pleasant discussion
as to the ways and means of making the
meetings more interesting and useful.
The meeting then adjourned to meet
one month from date. Col 2.80
Members present Mrs Bartholamew Mrs Cole
Mrs Atwood Mrs Colt Mrs Watson Mrs Moore
Mrs Low Miss Low.

The last regular meeting of the Soc.
was held in the church parlor July 14th
at 4 P.M. The meeting was opened by
reading from the scripture followed
by prayer after which came the Sec.
and Treasurers reports which were
favorably approved. An interesting
letter ^{was next read by the Sec.} from one of the teachers among
the mormans telling of the signal success
attending the establishment of the schools of
the New West Education commission at
Oxford Idaho and other places among the
mormans of their efforts to educate and
elevate the young among them and
showing clearly the grand work which
is being accomplished by this New West-
Education Commission. This reading
closed the formal meeting and adjournment
followed. C. H. Members present Mrs
Abwood Mrs Watson Mrs Coe Mrs Galt
Mrs Low

The last meeting of the mormans miss.
So was held Tues Aug. 11 and was opened
in the usual manner by reading of scripture
and prayer. The minutes of the last
meeting were then read and approved.
The monthly reports of the Treasurer
showing larger contributions than ever
before and speaks well for the few engaged
in this work and we feel sure despite
the small meetings that the blessing
of the Lord in whose name and by
whose grace we labor will abundantly
bless and prosper those who are faithful
in his service. The following were present
at the last meeting Mrs Coe Mrs Moore
Mrs Bartholamew Mrs Low

annual
The following is the report sent to the
Vic Pres of the Ontario Ass.

Sep. 19th

My Dear Miss Taft

I am very happy in
writing you again of our continued
interest in mission work and of our
quiet but certain growth as an ^{organ}ization
we have held regular monthly meetings
during the year with several public
meetings interspersed which have been
very helpful as well as adding very
materially to our treasury. We can
only report a slight increase
in membership yet we feel sure that
the cause of missions has a firmer
hold upon the hearts of those engaged
than ever before. The average attendance
at our regular meetings is not large
but the pledged dues of every member
is faithfully and cheerfully paid
while the Treasurers monthly reports
show larger contributions than ever

before so we are still constrained to
say Lord if we may. we'll serve another
day feeling sure that He in whose name
and service we wait will abundantly
bless and prosper. Our annual contribution
may not appear as large as usual but
but you must remember that we labor
too as an aux. of the Home Miss Soc and
our church work is distinct ^{also} so we
are really doing more than last year

The regular monthly meeting
of the Moms missionary Soc was held
Sep 8th opening with devotional exercises
reports and the usual routine of business
following. Previous to this an hour was
spent in sewing. We are glad that this
new feature has been inaugurated
for it supplies a need which found
frequent expression in the desire to do
home work and we shall sincerely expect
that more will unite with us in this
mission work. At the business meeting

it was decided that a special meeting
be called the following Tuesday to do
some necessary sewing for a worthy
person in the community. The following
members responded to the call.

Mrs Bar. Mrs Reed Mrs Ware Mrs McConnell
Mrs Kennard Mrs Low. Present at the
regular meeting Mrs Bar Mrs Coe Mrs Low
Mrs Kennard Miss Wadhams Miss Stanley
Mrs Goss Mrs Low.

x It was decided at
the Sep meeting that for a time the
So meetings be called at an earlier
hour and that a portion of the time
be given to work pursuant with
this plan the Oct meeting convened
at 2 PM. and a couple of hours was
pleasantly spent in sewing.

The regular business meeting was
held at 4 PM. opening as usual
with devotional exercises followed
by the usual monthly reports no
business of importance was trans-

The following Ladies were present
Mrs Bar. Mrs Colt Mrs Coe Mrs Watson Mrs
Kennard Mrs McConnell Miss Miller Miss Ozy
Mrs Low ^{Thos Long} Col. 3.35

The last meeting held Dec 8th
was not so largely attended as the
former one but we believe the cause
of missions is gaining a stronger hold
in our hearts and that the foundation
for a permanent strong So. of mission
workers is being gradually laid and
we feel sure that the Lord will bless
this branch of his work. if we only
persevere No present at the last meeting
Mrs A Mrs Bartholomew Mrs Kennard
Mrs Low Miss Low Col. 50 cents

No regular meeting of the So was
held in Jan. but two special
ones were called each attesting
in a practical way the real
interest felt in mission work and
as a result a valuable box was sent

away and busy hands made comfortable
a home of motherless children Let the
success of this first venture give us
courage and faith to enlarge the field
of our operations remembering that
he has said I have chosen you and
ordained you that ye should go and
bring forth fruit. x

The second Tuesday in
March came in cold and disagreeable
and although the notice of the reg. meeting
of the So. was given from the pulpit for
some reason the fire was forgotten and
it was thought best by those who came together
to omit the devotional exercises ^{and reports} and
proceed at once to make arrangements for
a special meeting to be called the latter
part of the month ^{at} which time sewing
should be provided A circular issued by
the American Missionary Association
was read by the Sec. urging the help
of Ams. of the to sustain schools both
South and West. A committee of two

consisting of Mrs Bartholomew and
Mrs Atwood were chosen to ^{make the necessary} purchase of
cloth no other business was transacted
and the meeting adjourned. no present
Mrs Bartholomew Mrs Atwood Mrs Lee Mrs
McConnell and Mrs Low. At a special
meeting called from the pulpit and
held at the parsonage the same month
it was resolved ^{until} that ^{the sewing} any lady members
might invite the regular meeting of
the So and provide tea at her own
discretion being governed ^{only} by the following
resolution.

We promise to pay a fine ^x
of \$1.00 in case we provide more than
the following articles

Biscuit or bread Butter Sauce
One kind of cake cold meat (one kind)
Tea ^{and} Coffee. no present at this
meeting Mrs B. Mrs Coe Mrs Moore Mrs Reid
Mrs Kennard Mrs Watson Mrs Low.

The April meeting of the Mormon
missionary meeting ^{was} held at the
home of Mrs. Shepard. The usual
hour of meeting 2 P.M. found quite a
no present who at once proceeded to the
pleasant duty of sewing and a very
pleasant and profitable afternoon
was spent in this way. Tea was
served at 6 P.M. and the previous
half hour having been given to
devotional exercises reports & the
general business connected with
the S.D., no present - 16 Col 4, 75-

The May meeting commenced
with Mrs. Low. The devotional and
business was omitted and the whole
afternoon given to work and the
result shown in this is certainly
very encouraging 4 new names were
added to the Decy book no present
17 Col.

The June meeting of the Mormon
Missionary S.D. was held at the home
of Mrs. More. The stated hour 2 P.M.
found a goodly one together and
the afternoon was pleasantly spent
in sewing. At 6 P.M. a tea was served
and the evening social terminated
which ^{was attended by the gentlemen} one of the most pleasant meetings
of the S.D., no present - 16 Col 2, 76

The July meeting would have
been held at the usual place and
place but some mistake was made
in regard to the key of the basement
room ^{consequently} and members to the no of four
convened at the door and adjourned
after paying their usual fee by agree-
ment the Aug meeting was not held
This ^{Sept} meeting terminates the financial
year of the S.D., Altogether we call it
our most successful year judging by
We have held regular meetings with
one exception we have accomplished
some work our financial condition

	1886	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mrs Bartholomew	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10					
Mrs Atwood	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Mrs Coe	3	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Mrs Low	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	25				
Mrs Reid	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Mrs Yellows	6	10				20	10	10					
Mrs Kennard	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Mrs Coll	8	10	10	10							75		
Mrs Watson	2	40	50			30	20	10	10	10	10	10	
Mrs McConnell	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
Mrs Johnson	=	10	10	10									
Mrs Brock	=	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Miss Low	13	10	10			10			30				
Miss Madhams	15	10	10	10									
Miss Strickland	15	10	10										
Miss Goss	16	10	10										
Miss Stanley	17	10	10										
Miss S. Walton	18	10	10	10		30	10						
Mrs. Moore	19	10	10	10	10	10					40		
Mrs Lapp	20	10											
Mrs McE. Cairns	21	25	25			25		25					
Mrs Osgood	22												
Mrs Johnson	23	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Mrs Hudson	1884
Mrs Low	
Miss Stella Low	
Mrs Coe	
Mrs Cornell	
Miss Coll	
Mrs Given	
Mrs Moore	
Mrs Atwood	
Mrs Watson	
Mrs Brock	
Mrs McConnell	
Mrs Reid	
Mrs Parmlee	
Miss Mary Parmlee	
Miss B. L. Wadams	
Miss Sarah Hagler	
Mrs Johnson	

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Mrs Fellows
" Kennard
Miss Goss
Mrs Stanley
Mrs Johnson